

The Honorable Mayor Robert Walkup
And Members of the Tucson City Council

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Subject: Commission on Disability Issues (CODI) 2010 Annual Report

This Commission would first like to thank the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Tucson. The Commission thanks the City of Tucson Equal Opportunity Office, its leadership and staff, for its reports, updates and responsiveness to requests and positive attitude and action. The Office of ADA Eligibility/Transportation, as well as, Sun Tran and Sun Van have continued to show full support to the needs of this community and maintain regular contact when any new idea, product, or issues arise. Additionally, the Department of Parks and Recreation continues to demonstrate support for the Commission's interests. The commission most recently has been quite pleased to collaborate with The Office of Planning around ADA parking regulations. The Commission continues to be grateful, and indebted to, the City Clerk office for providing well-formed clerical support. The success of the Commission has been to the highest degree improved by the team effort practiced by all above, and each representative to CODI from each department, thus allowing Mayor and Council to make informed decisions affecting its constituents.

CODI continues to enthusiastically perform its goal to "Support and sponsor community programs and projects that promote public awareness of the issues that relate to the needs and concerns of Individuals with disabilities." To that end, CODI has led the Building an Inclusive Tucson Conference three years running, with plans to continue into the foreseeable future. The Commission has found both the Tucson public and its related professionals needed a "bridge" of sorts to foster meaningful relationships around disability related issues, and the conference that done that.

Commission on Disability Issues 2010 activities:

- Due to budgetary restrictions, the CODI 2010 ADA appropriate language brochure revision, both in English and Spanish, continues to be on hold.
- Continuing education has been attained through presentations to the full Commission and/or individual efforts and reports.
- Members of CODI have taken their role seriously, some even working from there hospital beds, taking PTO, and even leave without pay, to attend CODI scheduled meetings, and events.
- Two commissioners represented CODI, participated in the 2010 Southwest Disability Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, striking interest with its creators in a possible partnership.
- CODI has continued to build itself from within, attracting commissioners from varied educational, employment, economical, geographical, racial backgrounds – all with the interest of a better, more inclusive, Tucson.

Respectfully submitted,
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Chairperson